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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

- The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
 The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
- 2. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In Claim 1, line 5, the phrase "at least one springy retaining device each comprising..." is viewed as being misdescriptive of the embodiments depicted since only one retaining device is depicted in the drawings and referenced in the specification [the examiner suggests deleting the term "each" so as to obviate this rejection]. In Claim 1, line 9, the phrase "engagement devices at said body" is unclear as presently worded [should the term "at" be changed to --of--?]. In Claim 1, lines 12 & 17, the use of the term "each" renders the limitations indefinite for the reason outlined above [line 5]. In Claim 1, line 18 and optionally for line 23, the phrase "the user" does not have a proper antecedent basis [should be changed to --a user--]. In Claim 1, lines 20 & 21, the use of the term "corresponding" renders the limitations indefinite for the same reasoning as outlined above [line 5]. In Claim 3, lines 2 (two occurrences) & 4, the use of the term "each" renders the limitations indefinite for the reason outlined earlier. In Claim 4, the phrase "one swivel arm is respectively pivoted the at least one pivot holder" is unclear and confusing as presently worded. In Claim 5, line 2, the phrase "said cover shell is respectively protruded" is unclear as presently worded [the examiner suggests --said cover shell protrudes--]. In Claim 6, lines 2 & 3, the use of the terms "each" & "corresponding" respectively, renders the limitations indefinite for the same reasoning as outlined

earlier. In Claim 7, line 2, the use of the term "each" renders the limitations indefinite for the same reasoning as outlined earlier. In Claim 8, lines 2, 4, 5 & 6, the use of the terms "each" & "respectively" renders the limitations indefinite for the same reasoning as outlined earlier. Consequently, Claim 2 is rejected because it is dependent upon an indefinite claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Pending further review and consideration, Claims 1-8 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jung, Gan et al., Lee et al., Chen et al., and German Publication 4226951 describe computer enclosures with removable cover members.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James O. Hansen whose telephone number is 703-305-7414. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703-308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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